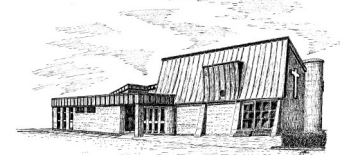


The Church of Scotland
Dalgety Parish Church
Sunday 21st May 2017



CrossReach, the social care arm of The Church of Scotland is challenged by the wide range of the work they do. Resources do not match the needs, and difficult decisions are constantly being made, this year is no different. They are involved in all aspects of social care, working with the vulnerable, the people and groups in our societies who are too often forgotten.

The Panel of Review and Reform constantly work to find the mix of old and new which makes us relevant in today's world.

The Guild, Legal Questions Committee, Assembly Arrangements, Council of Assembly, Safeguarding Committee, Chaplains to Her Majesty's Forces, National Youth Assembly, Theological Forum, Housing and Loan Fund, General Trustees, Central Services, Church of Scotland Tryst, Church Hymnary Trustee, Investors' Trust, Pension Trustees, Nomination Committee, along with some 'court' rulings on decisions made throughout the year! ALL important to the functioning of a large National Church. (And Hannah will be listening to these in 6 days of formal meetings.)

Pray this week for all who stand to speak, for all who listen with patience and sensitivity, for all who make the decisions for our church.

Pray for a week of inspiration, grasping nettles, finding strength in our faith to stand up for what is right, not simply what is easy.

Pray for the national church and local churches as we step up to follow Jesus, trusting in God, with the power and peace of The Holy Spirit.

Monday 22nd May

Prayer Group - 7.30 pm

Tuesday 23rd May

Café Connect - 10.00 am

Support Services Meeting - 7.00 pm

Wednesday 24th May

Basic Bible Study - "What we Believe", 10.30 am

Sharing Faith - 7.30 pm

Badminton - 7.30 pm

Thursday 25th May

Bereavement Support Group - 10.00 am - 11.30 am

Boys Brigade - from 6.00 pm

House Group - 7.30 pm at 22 The Bridges. All Welcome

Friday 26th May

Refresh - 10.00 am

Sunday 28th May

Sunday Worship - 10.30am

Messy Church - 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Coffee and Tea served before and after the Service



Junior Church

Adventurers aged 3 - p1, Junior Church p2 - p5, Discoverers p6 - S4. These meet during the church times, gathering in church and leaving after the second hymn.

Quiet Room Open Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 6.00 pm



**Large Print Service
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Today's Service

Hymn 436: Christ triumphant
Prayer

Youth

Hymn: Inright, outright, upright, downright

Readings:

Luke 18: 9 – 14

Galatians 1: 3 – 17; 2: 11 - 21

Hymn 35: O send thy light forth

Sermon

Hymn 553: Just as I am

Offering

Prayer

Hymn 159: Lord, for the years

Benediction

Pray for the new Moderator, The Very Reverend Derek Browning, as he moderates the week's meeting, and as he preaches on Sunday morning in St Giles, Edinburgh and in the afternoon in the Gaelic Church. He has a heavy load this week. Pray for strength, wisdom and enjoyment as he moderates The General Assembly. Our national Councils and Committees offer annual reports to The General Assembly, reports with proposals which are debated and voted upon. It is then for them, and us, to work on the accepted proposals and build God's Kingdom where we are.

Ministries Council are still challenged by the reducing number of Ministers, working on strategies which will spread resources well.

Mission and Discipleship seek to provide resources for a wide range of needs: congregations and worshippers at different stages on their own journey, in different contexts, with different gifts. Often these resources need tweaked to fit however the aim is sure: to grow disciples and to go out and tell the world about God's love for all.

World Mission seeks to find ways to work with our partner churches around the world, and to enable congregations to help as and when they can on specific areas of concern.

Rev Rola Sleiman, Syria's first female ordained minister, was initially refused a visa, but pressure saw the decision reversed. Welcoming so many other friends from around the world we will now be able to hear first hand of experiences in conflict, about poverty and need, about faith and hope.

Church and Nation seek to raise awareness of social and political injustices, helping individuals and congregations lobby the people in power on issues that affect creation, equality, justice in a huge variety of areas. They seek to promote and help us to promote good practice, and to speak out gospel principles into all difficulties.



Use public transport rather than taking your car; or walk or cycle instead of driving.

Notices

Lord High Commissioner

Each year HM The Queen appoints a Lord High Commissioner as her representative to the General Assembly, unless she attends in person. This year, Her Majesty has appointed HRH The Princess Royal, who previously performed the role in 1996. The Princess Royal will observe the proceedings and report back to Her Majesty what has been debated at the Assembly. The Princess Royal's first official duty will be to take part in the Ceremony of the Keys, held at the Palace of Holyroodhouse the day before the General Assembly convenes -- which this year is Friday, 19 May. The colourful tradition marks the handing over of the keys of the City of Edinburgh by the Lord Provost to the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly.

The Princess Royal will also take part in the ceremonial procession at the Opening Session of the General Assembly and will attend the Heart and Soul festival in Princes St Gardens on Sunday, 21 May, as well as undertaking visits elsewhere in Scotland.

This year **Hannah Dunlop** is Dunfermline Presbytery's Youth Rep. Hold Hannah in your prayers this week - it will be hard work and lots of fun; it will be challenging and inspiring.

Life & Work have a timetable of what reports happen on which days.

And if you want to follow the debates 'live' simply go to The Church of Scotland website (www.churchofscotland.org.uk) and follow links to The General Assembly 2017 to find the webcast.

Stewardship Event 3rd of June (11.00 am - 1.00 pm). Worried about Identity thief? Bogus Callers? Come along to hear how to protect yourself, family and friends from all kinds of fraud. Guest speaker from Lloyds Banking Group followed by a light potato lunch, no charge – donations welcome all profits going to Frontline Fife. Open to all the community - Sign –up sheet hall of fellowship. Please come and bring a friend!!!

Sponsored Golf Competition 2017 This year's sponsored golf competition will be held from Monday 29th May to Friday 2th June over Aberdour Golf Course and takes the format of a Stableford competition. Money raised will be divided between Christian Aid and Fife Macmillan Nurses Appeal. Last year St Fillan's team regained the David Rutherford Cup for best team so why not get back in the swing and see if Team Dalgety can bring home the cup this year while raising money for these two charities at the same time? Last year team Dalgety raised a fantastic £1050. Anyone wishing to take part should contact Pat Ritchie tel 825216. If you don't fancy playing why not sponsor one of the players.

Relay for Life. Car Treasure Hunt. Sunday 4th June, 2.30pm at Dalgety Parish Church. Sign up sheet is on 'Don't Pass by table'. Cost £20 per car this includes food plus prizes! After Treasure Hunt there will be fun, games, food and outdoor worship for those who wish to stay (weather permitting otherwise indoors). We well encourage folks to double up in cars where appropriate....good chance to get to know each other better and argue over clues!!!

BASIC BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAY 24th May 10.30 am - 11.30 am
For anyone who thinks the existing Bible Study Groups are too hard, and for anyone who wants to come along to consider what we believe. Come along. You will not be asked to speak, offer opinions but are very welcome to do so if you wish.

Marie Cure - Dalgety Bay's fundraising group are hosting a tea party to raise funds for Marie Curie Charity, Saturday 27th May 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm in Dalgety Parish Church. All Welcome. Entry by donation.

Notices Cont'd

SHARING OUR FAITH! - all welcome to come along to consider how we do this! A two week course, running Wednesdays 24th and 31st May 7.30 - 8.30pm in Dalgety Parish Church. This is not about signing up for anything- just come along to think about if you/we should, how you/we could share our faith with someone.

Bereavement Support Group - 25th May, 10.00 am - 11.30 am.

Mid Week Communion - 31st May at 7.00 pm.

Sunshine Group - 1st June, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm.

Knitters Needed! At our last Refresh meeting, the topic of which was knitting, we were show two articles which we could knit and which would be of benefit to others. The first was a Twiddle Muff which has a calming effect on those suffering from dementia. The second was a baby's vest, known as a "fish and chip vest" because, just as fish and chips are sold wrapped in paper, some babies have been wrapped in paper because their mother has no clothes for her wee one. If you are a knitter and would like to help these two causes then visit the 'Don't Pass By Table' to see the articles and pick up a pattern. If you are not able to help by knitting you can still help by donating some wool!

Refresh meets on Friday 26th May at 10 a.m. in Room 1. The theme this month is "Refresh" We invite you to enjoy a time of fellowship as we explore what and who refreshes us!! There will also be time for savouring some "goodies" (ritz savouries followed by raspberry ripple ice-cream), puzzling over a quiz, a craft activity as well as taking away a Christian thought to encourage you in the days that lie ahead. If you'd like to know more about this meeting speak to June Wright or Alison McGregor, or better still, come along on Friday, bring a friend, and see for yourself!

Church of Scotland General Assembly 2017 when more than 730 commissioners from congregations across Scotland and beyond will come together to take part in the event, a unique mix of debate, tradition and worship.

Over the course of the week they will be joined by more than 150 people from associated partners and other organisations who work with the Church. The public gallery is open each day for any members of the public who are interested in observing the proceedings.

First held in 1560, the General Assembly is the Kirk's highest court, made up of commissioners who are generally ministers, elders and deacons, as well as youth representatives and around 40 international emissaries from partner churches around the globe. The General Assembly considers reports from each of the Church's councils, discusses issues of national and international importance, and makes decisions that help set the Church of Scotland's direction for the coming years.

Decisions made at the General Assembly can have an historic and long-standing impact on the future of the national Church. However, the Church of Scotland values thoughtful, well considered decision making, and seeks consensus whenever possible, so contentious issues are usually debated for several years before a final resolution is reached.

The theme for this year's General Assembly and Heart and Soul is 'Word of Life'; a rich, multi-layered theme that invites each one of us, whether we are at the heart of faith or on the fringes of faith, to think about what, for us, those words might be: hope, welcome, peace, mercy, kindness, love and so many more. Whilst the words will adapt and change throughout our life journey of faith, they help us understand and give texture to the focus of our faith, Jesus of Nazareth, the embodiment of 'Word of Life'.